



## Global Knowledge Sharing Fund

### Application format

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#### What knowledge do you want to share?

*What knowledge do you want to generate, share, and/or use? Share the main learning objective of this Knowledge Sharing (KS) initiative.*

We would like to share models and lessons learned from CARE water and sanitation projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. This initiative would support the existing effort of implementation of the LAC regional water strategy funded by CARE UK and LAC RMU. The main objectives are to: 1) allow country offices to access each others' innovative models in order to promote learning and efficiency and 2) allow the RMU and CARE International to have a centralized place where to search for current information.

#### Why is this knowledge relevant to CARE?

*Why do you consider this knowledge relevant to CARE's mission/vision? How is the main objective of the KS initiative related with other objectives and goals of your area, unit, CO?*

This initiative follows the LAC management framework as it improves the sharing of knowledge throughout the region, improves knowledge flow, aids in the interaction with existing capacities to improve the efficiency of programs, and aids the RMU to mobilize diverse resources. Beyond the RMU, this initiative follows CARE's programmatic principles of "working with partners" and "seeking sustainable results." The documents generated will allow country offices to present a more holistic view of CARE's work to partners and will allow the country offices and partners to learn from lessons learned from projects completed throughout the region. As well, it supports the CARE USA global water strategy strategic objective of "full sharing and use of expertise and experiences" by promoting learning, dissemination of successful practices, and dialogue between the COs, the RMU, the water team and partners. LAC RMU has made a significant effort this past year to promote learning and knowledge sharing among country offices in regards to water programming through the drafting of a LAC regional water strategy. Part of this strategy involves the sharing of knowledge and lessons learned from projects in a certain country to other countries in order to avoid similar mistakes that their colleagues have made in the past. We have also been engaged closely with the water team and with CARE UK in order for this knowledge to go beyond the LAC region.

#### How do you intend to share the knowledge?

*What are the main activities of the learning process? Which knowledge sharing method(s) will you use?*

- Draft an analysis guide for country office to aid them in the identification of successful models that could be recreated at a national or regional level;
- Initiate a dialogue (either in country or virtually) with country offices once they have made their selection of "successful models" in order to promote reflection and learning;
- If not already done, document the successful models in the different country offices;
- Create a hard copy library within the RMU to aid in the mobilization of resources and a center of information here at headquarters for anyone in CARE USA to use.
- Create a community of practice and virtual library on Livelink surrounding this initiative in

order to allow for all country offices and CARE International to have access to all the successful programs in the region.

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### Who will benefit from this knowledge?

*Who are the people involved in the KS initiative and how will this knowledge be useful for them? Who (outside the group) will find this knowledge useful and why?*

The main people involved in the initiative will be the water coordinators of the LAC Country Offices and the LAC RMU Regional Program Associate for the Water Program. The COs will be able to use the knowledge collected to influence other actors in their respective countries and in the development of new proposals (by not just using the lessons learned in their countries, but use the lessons learned in the region). The RMU and water team will be able to use this information in the searching for resources and in the education of the public on water programming in the LAC region. Outside the group, the water team will also be able to share these lessons learned to the rest of the global water staff, both within and outside of CARE. Collaborators will also be able to use the lessons learned discovered in this initiative to influence their own programming.

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### How will you measure success?

*How will you know if you achieve your main learning objective? What are the indicators of success?* The indicators include:

- At least 2 successful models identified and documented in each country office;
- Creation of a functional community of practice and virtual knowledge sharing library containing the documented models and lessons learned;
- Water coordinators in each CO are participating in the community of practice and have access to the virtual library;
- The RMU able to use the virtual library to mobilize funds and share the lessons learned from the different projects and from this knowledge sharing exercise within CARE and with the rest of the development community.

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### What are the associated costs of your KS initiative?

*Please develop a brief budget and include it with your proposal. If you have a match (money or in-kind) include it as part of the total budget.*

Activity	Units	Cost
Development of the regional guide for successful practices	Regional Associate's time	In kind match from RMU
In-person dialogue with COs (when requested)	2 trips	2*\$1000= \$2,000
Consultancy fees for documentation in COs where documents do not exist	3 consultancies	3*\$1,000=\$3,000
Translation of successful models into English	Lump sum	Monetary match from CARE UK of \$14,400
Time for the formation of the virtual library and community of practice and establishment /facilitation of the groups	10% of Regional Associate's time	In kind match from the RMU
<b>Total requested funds</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>

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### Do you require any assistance?

*Will you need any support? If so, from whom and for what?*

We may need a small amount of help from José Garcia in the development of the community of practice in Livelink.